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SUBJ: INFORMAL DIALOGUES JUNE 15, 1977

1. SUMMARY: SECOND AND THIRD SESSIONS OF INFORMAL
DIALOGUES AGAIN DEVOTED MAINLY TO HUMAN RIGHTS WITH
REFORM OF OAS AND MINI STATES NEXT IN ORDER OF IMPRTANCE.
SOUTHERN CONE COUNTRIES ATTEMPTED TO REFOCUS DISCUSSION
ON TERRORISM WHILE DEMOCRATIC STATES DEPLORED
TERRORISM AND INCLUDED ATTACK ON COUNTER-TERRORISM WHICH
LIES BEHIND MOST HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN THE HEMISPHERE.
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MAIN SPEAKERS WERE VENEZUELA, BRAZIL, ARGENTINA, COSTA
RICA, TRINIDAD/BOGAGO AND CHILE (SECOND TIME). AT
CONCLUSION OF SECOND SESSION, PANAMA AND US READ SEPARATE
COMMUNIQUE ON CANAL TREATY THAT HAD BEEN DISCUSSED IN
BILATERAL BREAKFAST AND COORDINATED IN LATER TALKS DURING
THE DAY. TEXTS VIA SEPTTEL. END SUMMARY.

2. HUMAN RIGHTS AGAIN DOMINATED DEBATE AT FOREIGN
MINISTERS INFORMAL SESSIONS JUNE 15. VENEZUELAN
FONMIN ESCOVAR LED OFF MORNING LIST OF SPEAKERS WITH

BLANCED, CONSTRUCTIVE STATEMENT CONDEMNING ALL FORMS OF VIOLENCE, REFERRING SPECIFICALLY TO GUZZETTI ATTEMPT AND BORGONOVO/LETELIER ASSASSINATIONS, BUT REJECTING TOTALITARIAN SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEM. POLITICAL FREEDOM IS ONLY REAL ANTIDOTE TO TERRORISM, ESCOVAR ARGUED, BUT HE ALSO REFERRED TO "DELICATE SUBJECT" OF RESTRICTIONS ON INTERNATIONAL CREDITS AND ARMS SALES AS POTENTIAL THREAT TO NATIONAL SOVERIEGNTY.

3. PERU, REPRESENTED BY OAS AMBASSADOR MARCHAND, STRESSED ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS AS WELL AS CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS AS PART OF OVERALL ISSUE OF TREATMENT OF INDIVIDUAL IN SOCIETY. HE DEPLORED TERRORISM BRIEFLY TOO BUT SPENT MOST OF HIS TIME DEFENDING NEW DRAFT OAS CHARTER, ARGUING IT REPRESENTED CONSENSUS AFTER NEARLY FOUR YEARS OF EFFORT. CONVENTION ON CLLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY, WHICH US VOTED AGAINST, IS AT HEART OF REFORM MOVEMENT, MARCHAND SAID, AND BOTH DOCUMENTS DESERVED EARLY APPROVAL OF OAS AS CONTRIBUTION TO STRUGGLE FOR INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL JUSTICE, THE KEY TO DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

4. FONMIN SILVEIRA OF BRAZIL, MOST OUTSPOKEN IN HIS DOUBTS ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS OF ANY MINISTER AT THIS GA, SPOKE AT LENGTH ON THE NEED TO EXPAND DEFINITION TO INCLUDE RIGHT TO FOOD, CLOTHIING, A JOB CONFIDENTIAL

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AND ARGUED STATE OF DEVELOPMENT MAKES HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION DIFFERENT IN EACH COUNTRY. IN THE END, HUMAN RIGHTS IS A NATIONAL PROBLEM. HE SPOKE DARKLY, BUT UNSPECIFICALLY, OF "A WAVE OF AGGRESSIVE INTER-FERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF STATES" AND LAMENTED RECRIMINATIONS EXCHANGED DURING INFORMAL DIALOGUES. OAS MEMBERS SHOULD SEEK COMMON GROUND, HE CONCLUDED, AND LEAVE SENSITIVEDOMESTIC ISSUES ALONE.

5. ARGENTINE FONMIN MONTES CONCENTRATED ON TERRORISM AS AGGRESSION FROM ABROAD AIMED AT DESTROYING SOCIAL FABRIC OF HIS COUNTRY, THE OBJECT OF A VAST INTERNATIONAL CONSPIRACY. HE ASKED WHO WAS VIOLATING HUMAN RIGHTS IF NOT THE TERRORISTS WHO KILL AND MAIM INNOCENT CITIZENS? HE FAVORED STRENGTHENING THE IAHRC BUT ALSO FAVORED BROADENING ITS JURISDICTION TO ENCOMPASS REAL VIOLATORS OF HUMAN RIGHTS, SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATIONS BENT ON DESTROYING WHOLE FOUNDATION OF CIVILIZED SOCIETY.

6. FACIO OF COSTA RICA GAVE LENGTHY STATEMENT FOCUSED MAINLY ON HUMAN RIGHTS BUT WITH CONDEMNATION OF TERRORISM THREADED THROUGH AS WELL AS A FEW BARBED ALLUSIONS TO "VIOLENCE CLOAKED WITH GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY." HE SPOKE AGAIN OF NEED TO TAKE ACTION AIMED AT BRINGING

PACT OF SAN JOSE (HUMAN RIGHTS CONVENTION) INTO FORCE MORE QUICKLY AND ANNOUNCED COSTA RICA WOULD SUBJECT ITSELF UNCONDITIONALLY TO COMPETENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS COURT UNDER THE PACT AS SOON AS IT IS ESTABLISHED. REFERRING TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S NOTRE DAME SPEECH, HE CONGRATULATED THE US ON ITS STRUGGLE FOR SAME HUMAN RIGHTS ON AN INTERNATIONAL SCALE THAT IT HAS FOUGHT TO ESTABLISH IN ITS INTERNAL LIFE FOR 200 YEARS.

7. TRINIDAD/TOBAGO SPOKE BRIEFLY IN DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND REFERRED TO BELIZE AS COUNTRY WHOSE RIGHT TO INDEPENDENCE DENIED BY FOREIGN PRESSURE ON COLONIAL
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POWER.

8. MEXICO'S FONMIN ROEL SAID NO COUNTRY MORE JEALOUS OF ITS SOVEREIGNTY OR HOSTILE TO INTERVENTION THAN HIS BUT HE BELIEVES IAHRC REQUEST TO VISIT SHOULD BE HONORED UNLESS INSUPERABLE CONDITIONS MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE. ALL NATIONS OF HEMISPHERE SHARE RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AS A BASIC VALUE AND MUST DEFEND THEIR HERITAGE. ON OAS REFORM, ROEL SAID PROCESS DELAYED TOO LONG ALREADY AND WORK ACCOMPLISHED HAD TO BE FINISHED. CHARTER IS NOT PERFECT DOCUMENT BUT REPRESENTS WORK OF NEARLY FOUR YEARS THAT MUST NOT BE ABANDONED OR DELAYED INTERMINABLY.

9. CHILE'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, AMBASSADOR SERGIO DIEZ, TOOK CHAIR FROM ADMIRAL CARVAJAL AT AFTERNOON SESSION TO DELIVER FULLSCALE REPETITION OF HIS STEMWINDING SPEECH AT LAST YEAR'S SANTIAGO OASGA. EMOTIONAL DEFENSE OF CHILE'S RECORD FOCUSED MAINLY ON "TOTALITARIAN NIGHTMARE OF ALLENDE ERA" AND NEED TO "RESTRUCTURE CHILE'S DEMOCRACY" TO COPE WITH INTERNATIONALLY PLANNED AND FINANCED ATTACK ON CHRISTIAN CIVILIZATION. HE BLAMED PORNOGRAPHY AND RISING DIVORCE RATE ON SAME SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATIONS IN HIGHLY EMOTIONAL SPEECH ON CHILE'S EFFORT TO PERFECT DEMOCRACY AND FIND SOLUTION TO CRISIS OF MODERN STATE FACED WITH ENEMIES BENT ON ITS DESTRUCTION. DIEZ DID ADMIT CHILE HAD SIGNED INTERNATIONAL DECLARATIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS, HE QUOTED SECRETARY VANCE APPROVINGLY ON WARNING THAT STATE USING TACTICS OF TERRORISM FACED DESCENT INTO NETHERWORLD OF ILLEGALITY AND POINTED OUT CHILE HAD ONCE ACCEPTED VISIT OF IAHRC. EXPERIENCE WITH COMMISSION A BAD ONE, HOWEVER, BECAUSE IT INVADDED SOVEREIGNTY BY WRITING SERIES OF REPORTS ON INTERNAL CHILEAN SUBJECTS COMPLETELY OUTSIDE ITS PURVIEW, EDUCATION, LABOR LAW, UNIVERSITY ORGANIZATION, ETC. SENSELESS, HE CLAIMED, TO
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GIVE MORE MONEY TO A COMMISSION WHOSE SIVITS ARE
REJECTED BY MOST COUNTRIES AS POLITICIZED INTEFERENCE
IN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS. IAHRC MUST BE REFORMED, HE CONCLUDED.

10. EL SALVADOR'S OAS AMBASSADOR, BERTRAND GALINDO, THANKED
FONMINS FOR MINUTE OF SILENCE IN HONOR OF BORGONOVO AND
DEVOTED NEXT TEN MINUTES TO ATTACK ON UNSPECIFIED
LARGE COUNTRIES WHO ARE DENYING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH EXCUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS
BUT MAY BE SETTING BACK PROGRESS BY UNDERMINING
ECONOMIES CAUSING UNEMPLOYMENT, PROVOKING DISORDER
AND THUS INCREASING REPRESSION INSTEAD OF REDUCING
IT. HE CALLED FOR CLOSER COOPERATION AMONG OAS STATES
IN COMBATting TERRORISM AND THEREBY DEFENDING HUMAN
RIGHTS IN AN EFFECTIVE WAY.

11. PANAMA AND US READ SEPARATE STATEMENTS ON STATUS
OF NEGOTIATIONS JUST BEFORE CONCLUSION OF AFTERNOON
SESSION OF INFORMAL DIALOGUES. TONE OF STATEMENTS
HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AT SECRETARY'S BREAKFAST MEETING WITH
GONZALEZ-REVILLA AND PANAMANIAN OFFERED TO PROVIDE
ADVANCE COPY FOR USDEL 'S INFORMATION AND USE IN RESPONDING.
FIRST PANAMANIAN VERSION WAS TEMPERED FOLLOWING AMBASSADOR
HABIB AND TODMSN'S APPROACH TO GONZALEZ-REVILLA FINAL STATEMENTS OF
BOTH (SEPTTEL) TRACK RELATIVE WELL AND PANAMA
FONMIN CLEARLY PLEASED WITH RESULT. MCGEE UNQTE CHRISTOPHER

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